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Office of Legislative Counsel
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Dear David, Grant, and Charles:

Enclosed is the revised agenda for the December meetings of the Pacific Study Group of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Please distribute copies of these agenda within your agency as appropriate.

The scheduling of the last two sessions is highly uncertain. The attached schedule suggests 11 or 18 December for the third session and the 12 or 19 December for the fourth session. This is a slight change from the dates that we discussed at our meeting on Wednesday, November 22. I hope to be able to finalize the dates and times for these last two sessions by November 29.

Our meeting on Wednesday was most useful. Thank you for your thoughtful suggestions.

Sincerely,

Jim Locher
James R. Locher, III
Professional Staff Member

Enclosure

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PACIFIC STUDY GROUP - DECEMBER MEETINGS

Thursday, 7

Monday, 4 December - Korea

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Discussion Session on Korea

- o Advantages/rationale of 2nd Division withdrawal
 - oo ROK Force Improvement Plan
 - oo Reinforcing South Korea during a worldwide war
- o Impact of withdrawal on Asian perceptions of U.S. commitment to Asia
- o Nuclear proliferation in Northeast Asia
- o Economic balance and defense industries
- o U.S. diplomatic options/dialogue between North and South Korea/North Korea's long-range strategy and policies.

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Participants:

[redacted] CIA (Nuclear Proliferation)

BGen. T.C. Pinckney, OSD

Nick Platt, NSC (tentative)

Bob Rich, Department of State--Presenter

[redacted] CIA

There will be three introductory presentations for this session. First, BGen. Pinckney will briefly discuss re-evaluations of the military balance in Korea. Bob Rich will then make the main presentation on the discussion topics. Last, [redacted] will make a brief presentation on nuclear proliferation in Northeast Asia.

Wednesday, 13

~~Monday, 11 or 18~~ December - Southeast Asia, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf

10 a.m. - *12* a.m.

Briefings on:

- o Political and military situation in Indochina (CIA/State)
 - oo U.S. relations with countries in Indochina
- o ASEAN -- U.S. policy (State)
- o Philippines -- status of base negotiations (State/DOD)
- o Indian Ocean SLOC vulnerability and Soviet threat to Persian Gulf oil sources (DOD)

The State Department has agreed to coordinate these four briefings with DOD and CIA. About one-half of the time allocated to each briefing should be used to answer questions from the Study Group.

Thursday, 14

~~Tuesday, 12 or 19~~ December - Preparation for Asia Trip

10 a.m. - *12* a.m.

Meeting with Zbigniew Brzezinski (tentative), Dick Holbrooke, and Mike Armacost

- o Administration positions on Northeast Asia issues and Philippines base negotiations.
- o Areas to pursue and to avoid with foreign governments

At the conclusion of this session, Mike Armacost will brief the Study Group on the recent trip by the Secretary of Defense to South Korea and Japan.